

**ORDINANCE 2002-10
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MERCER**

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 2002-7

WHEREAS, the Township Committee on April 25, 2002 adopted an ordinance prohibiting the awarding of public contracts to certain contributors; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to amend such ordinance so as to preclude political contributions during any period of negotiation between the Township Committee and professional business entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that Ordinance 2002-7 be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section 1.

Prohibition and Award of contracts to certain contributors, be and hereby is amended to include the following language which will be designated as paragraph (d):

(d) No professional business entity which enters into negotiations for, or agrees to, any contract or agreement with the municipality or any department or agency thereof or of its independent authorities for the rendition of professional services shall knowingly solicit or make any contribution of money, or pledge of a contribution, including in-kind contributions, to any candidate or holder of the public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract, or to any Washington Township municipal or Mercer County party committee, between the time of first communications between that business entity and the Township regarding a specific professional services agreement and the conclusion of negotiations.

Section 2.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency or conflict.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

NOTICE

The above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington held on May 23, 2002 and will be considered on second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington to be held at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 1117 Route 130, Robbinsville, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. on June 13, 2002, at which time and place any persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BERNADETTE M. DUBUSS
MUNICIPAL CLERK

Adopted: June 13, 2002